

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

7. (currently amended) A method of burning a nitrogen-containing fuel while reducing the emission of nitrogen oxides, said method including the steps of:

producing a sub-stoichiometric primary zone in the form of a flame core from fuel and primary air, and supplying said flame core with a nitrogen oxide reducing agent, wherein said reducing agent is a nitrogen compound or a hydrocarbon.

8. (original) A method according to claim 7, wherein a temperature of greater than 1100°C is established in said sub-stoichiometric flame core.

9. (original) A method according to claim 7, wherein said sub-stoichiometric flame core is enveloped with a veil of secondary air.

10. (original) A method according to claim 9, wherein said sub-stoichiometric flame core is enveloped with a further veil of tertiary air.

11. (currently amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein said nitrogen oxide reducing agent is introduced into said sub-stoichiometric flame core together with the fuel.

12. (currently amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein said nitrogen oxide reducing agent is introduced into said sub-stoichiometric flame core together with the primary air.

13. (original) A method according to claim 12, wherein core air is blown into a flame, and wherein said nitrogen oxide reducing agent is introduced into said sub-

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stoichiometric flame core together with said core air.